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$50M haul for local couple

- Kitsilano couple also won a free play
- They have since quit their jobs
- They kept their win a secret from their families until yesterday

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▶ Claude, left, and Kurt Blanchette-Ebert at the BCLC office in Richmond yesterday.

Kurt and Claude Blanchette-Ebert are living a real-life dream come true after claiming the $50-million Lotto Max jackpot yesterday.

The win, the largest in B.C.'s history, came as a shock to the couple, who are celebrating their 30th anniversary next month.

"I stuck my ticket into the (self-scanner)," said Claude, who bought the ticket, a quick pick, at a Kitsilano Mac's last week. "It read '50-million dollars' and I rubbed my eyes."

They plan on buying a house, settling down and letting financial planners do the rest of the work.

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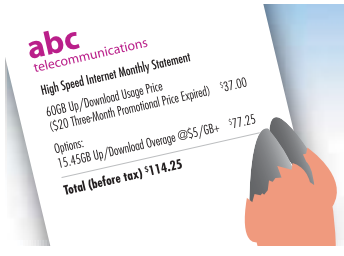

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They're catwalking for a cure

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▶ Looks from Vancouver-designed Jacqueline Comoir collection for spring/summer 2011.

Starting tonight, breast cancer survivors will take to the catwalk with designers for Vancouver Fashion Week (VFW).

RozeMerie Cuevas, the designer behind Vancouver label Jacqueline Conoir, says cancer has touched her life. She even named her company after her mother, who died of the disease.

"We're a big supporter of creating awareness," she said. "We'll be happy to give back in any way we can."

The semi-annual fashion event will showcase more than 40 designers, many of whom will partner with breast cancer survivors to show their clothes.

Cuevas's collection will kick off VFW tonight at 7 p.m. at the Empire Landmark Hotel. She describes the collection as "soft without being frilly," adding that the woman she envisions wearing her clothes is "edgy and confident."

STEPHANIE ORFORD

Prepare for some downtown vacancy

Units will remain rentals for 60 years or lifespan of building

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Construction began yesterday on a Granville Street apartment, the first to be built under a new program aimed at replenishing the city's dwindling rental stock. The 106-unit, 10-storey building between Davie and Helmcken streets is part of the Short-Term Incentives For Rental (STIR) program.

"In Vancouver, more than 50 per cent of households rent, yet the rental housing stock is aging and in decline," said Mayor Gregor Robertson, who broke ground at the site. "If we want people to live close to where they work, to give them options on where to live, we need to develop more rental housing."

The details

The new tower will be the first privately built rental building constructed in city since 2007.

- The building will only have 18 parking spaces.
- Average rent will be between $950 and $1,000 a month, compared to the average downtown rent of $1,090.
- There are 12 STIR projects in various stages of application in the city.
- West End STIR applications have sparked controversy with residents complaining of a lack of consultation.
- The rental vacancy rate in Vancouver is 1.2 per cent, one of the lowest in Canada.

1,000 More than 1,000 new rental units are needed to meet the city's demand each year, but only 137 are being built annually.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO

▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new rental apartment building on Granville Street yesterday.

Princess of Pot pushed Prop 19

Despite the defeat yesterday in a California referendum to legalize marijuana, the cannabis culture movement will not give up, said Jodie Emery, a high-profile Vancouver marijuana activist.

Emery — whose husband Marc, Vancouver's so-called "Prince of Pot," is serving time in a U.S. prison — was in Oakland to support Proposition 19 during the U.S. midterm elections.

"I'm sure the campaign will just start working harder on the election campaign for two years from now," Emery said.

She called the prohibition of cannabis a failed policy that creates more harm than marijuana itself.

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▶ Jodie Emery

News in brief

Mounties Taser suicidal teen

SURREY. Surrey RCMP used a Taser on a suicidal 14-year-old boy Monday. The youth, who is large for his age, had armed himself with a mallet and was trying to injure himself when an officer fired the Taser, RCMP said yesterday. KYLE FARQUHARSON

Oppal inquiry to hold forums

PUBLIC. The Missing Women Commission, headed by former judge and attorney general Wally Oppal, announced that it will hold public forums in Vancouver and Prince George. The Vancouver meeting will be Dec. 6 at the Japanese Language School. STEPHANIE ORFORD

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Outrage greets costume contest win for Klansman leading man in blackface by a rope. Scan the code for the story.

Grandstand approved for festival

Tickets in new seating area will cost $40 to $60 at HSBC Celebration of Light

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A number of spectators at next summer's HSBC Celebration of Light will have a front row seat of the fireworks — for a small fee.

The parks board has approved 1,000-person bleachers to be installed on the shorefront near the English Bay bathhouse.

"This was part of a proposal ... to make the show financially sustainable," said Aaron Jasper, parks board chair.

The 2011 Celebration of Light will also be reduced to three days from four: July 30, and Aug. 3 and 6.

Celebration

- The new bleachers are not expected to impede anyone's view of the fireworks
- The Celebration of Light draws 300,000-400,000 spectators each year, but has struggled to find and retain sponsors
- In addition to the bleachers, the new plan includes designated family and live performance areas, as well as an option for corporate sponsors to rent out the Vancouver Maritime Museum

Santa. Parade

▶ Santa Claus on West Georgia Street.

KYLE FARQUHARSON/FOR METRO

Awaiting Santa's arrival

Organizers of the Seventh Annual Santa Claus Parade announced yesterday that John Furlong, CEO of the 2010 Winter Olympics, would be among the grand marshals of the Dec. 5 parade.

Razor blade found in Halloween candy

Police are warning parents to be vigilant and check their children's Halloween candy for signs of tampering after a woman bit into a mini Mars Bar and found a small razor blade inside, pictured.

The 21-year-old woman, who wasn't hurt, was escorting a group of neighbourhood kids around the Imperial Village area in Tsawwassen on Halloween when she bit into the chocolate.

Police are investigating.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

"There are sick-minded people who derive some sort of twisted pleasure from endangering the innocent."
SGT. PAUL EISENZIMMER

Killer sought in '95 crimes

Homicide investigators are seeking the public's help in identifying the murderer of three women from the Downtown Eastside.

The bodies of the women were found in 1995 in remote logging areas off Lougheed Highway in the Fraser Valley. The three women, Tracy Fadola Olajide, Tammy Lee Pipe and Victoria Lynn Younker, were street sex workers with drug habits.

Police say the suspect may have lived or worked near the remote areas and used a 4X4 vehicle to access them.

They found red automotive paint where the bodies were discovered.

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ORGANIZED CRIME

Man hit with 22 charges

Twenty-two murder charges have been laid against an alleged biker boss once tied to the construction company now involved in the renovation fiasco on Parliament Hill.

▶ Ouimet

The whopping litany of accusations was delivered in a Montreal courtroom against an alleged Hells Angels boss, Normand (Casper) Ouimet, whom police had been seeking for almost two years. There were charges of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, gangsterism and a slew of others related to criminal corruption in the construction industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mail bomb reaches German leader

Suspected Greek terrorists unleashed an unprecedented two-day wave of mail bomb attacks in Athens and abroad, with one package reaching the office of German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday.

Greek militant groups are suspected of mounting the attacks targeting embassies in Athens and international organizations and foreign leaders abroad. If that is confirmed, it would mark a dramatic escalation for organizations that have never before attempted to strike targets abroad.

The mail-bomb campaign used small devices that only caused one injury and minimal damage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. right makes big gains on election night

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▶ Harris Blackwood, communications director for Georgia gubernatorial candidate Nathan Deal, holds a broom, claiming a sweep for Republicans at the Georgia Republican Party's election night watch party.

Historically, sitting president's party suffers in midterm vote

Opposition Republicans delivered a stinging blow to President Barack Obama, capturing control of the House of Representatives in elections yesterday. They made gains in the Senate but fell short of a majority.

The results usher in an era of divided government for the United States. Obama will have to deal with a more conservative Congress, which will include members of the antiestablishment Tea Party movement. John Boehner, a conservative from Ohio, will replace liberal Nancy Pelosi as speaker.

Republicans have captured 220 seats and were leading in 20 other races. They needed 218 seats for control of the House.

In the Senate, Republicans won at least six Senate seats now held by Democrats. Among the victories was Obama's old seat in Illinois, captured by congressman Mark Kirk. But the Democrats won the biggest single race: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid defeated Sharron Angle, a favourite of the Tea Party movement. Democrats also won seats targeted by Republicans in California and West Virginia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

History repeats?

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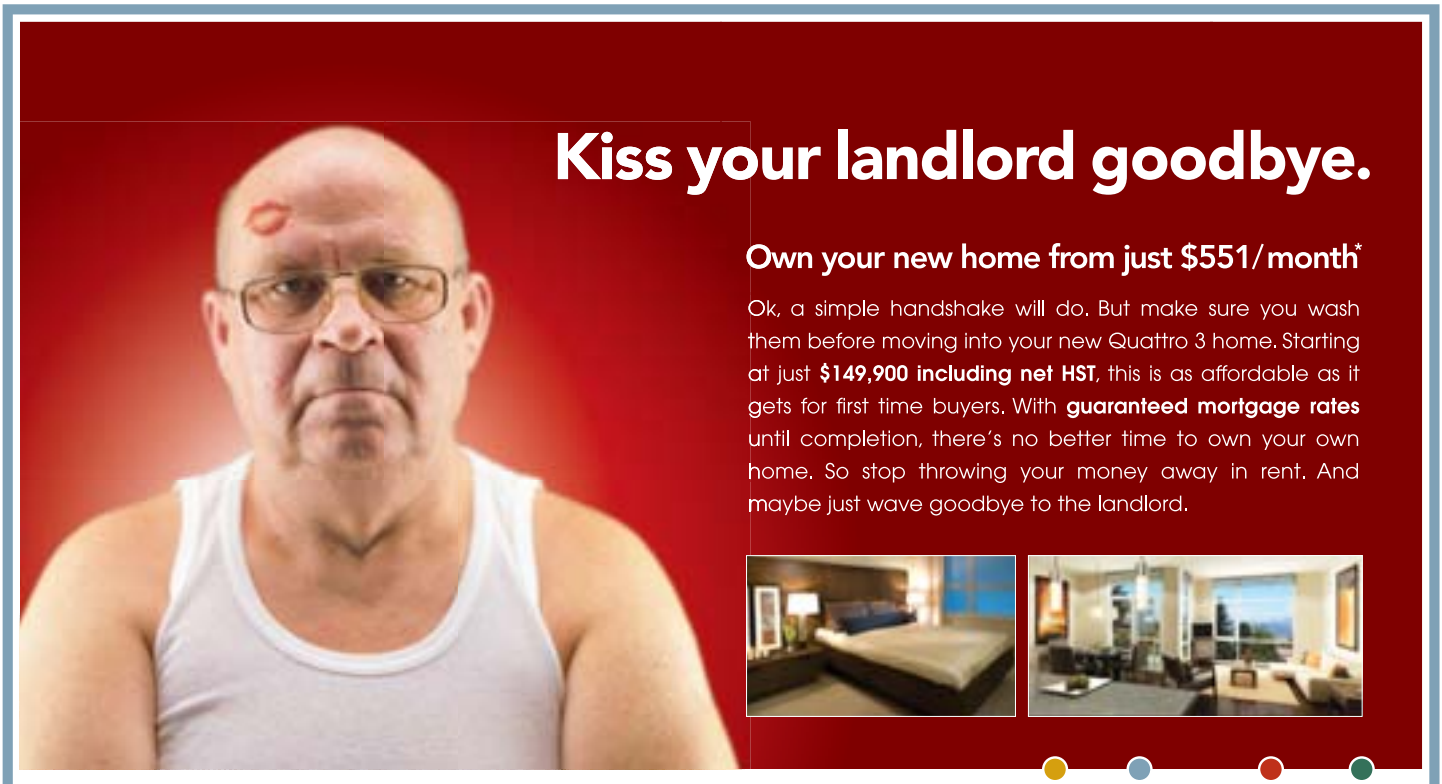
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Oil subsidies defy G20 pact: Study

Cost of support expected to double by 2020, report says Subsidies can lead to market distortions

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▶ A protester on Parliament Hill demonstrates against the Alberta oilsands in Ottawa in September.

An independent analysis says Canadian governments are subsidizing the oil patch to the tune of about $2.8 billion a year, despite a G20 agreement to pare back such support.

The Winnipeg-based International Institute for Sustainable Development has been adding up the fossil-fuel subsidies of major countries around the world.

In its in-depth study of Canadian supports for oil production, the institute concludes the federal government was responsible for handing over production subsidies worth $1.4 billion in 2008 — about half the total value of government relief.

The Alberta government's production subsidies were worth $1.1 billion, while Saskatchewan helped with $327 million, and Newfoundland and Labrador gave $83 million worth of relief.

The report says the fiscal cost of the subsidies is expected to double by 2020, causing a two per cent increase in Canada's greenhouse-gas emissions.

At the same time, Canada has committed at the G20 to getting rid of fossil-fuel subsidies, since they distort markets and cause wasteful consumption of energy.

It's one of the few commitments the G20 has made to tackle climate change.

The topic will surface again next week when Prime Minister Stephen Harper attends the G20 summit in Seoul.

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PotashCorp debate heats up

CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

▶ Brad Wall

Ottawa should block BHP Billiton's bid for PotashCorp because promises made by foreign companies in takeovers often amount to "dreams and train smoke," Saskatchewan's premier said yesterday, a day before the federal government will rule on the deal, the largest takeover in Canadian history.

Brad Wall said it would be a betrayal of the province if reports are true that Investment Canada has already tentatively approved the takeover, subject to certain conditions.

The Saskatchewan government is firmly against the BHP bid, saying it does not provide a net benefit to the province or the country.

Wall said Investment Canada's track record isn't very good when it comes to inspecting promises made by foreign companies in takeovers.

"They just fundamentally have been not kept by the companies, so now we're going to get an extra super promise," Wall said.

The premier also raised the possibility of a legal challenge if Ottawa allows the deal to go ahead.

Industry Minister Tony Clement flatly denied reports yesterday that Investment Canada had already made a tentative recommendation to approve the takeover, subject to certain conditions.

Clement is expected to announce Ottawa's ruling on the $38.6-billion US takeover today.

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Market moment

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PHENOMENON OF 'FAKE' CELEBRITIES

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Who is Kim Kardashian and why is she famous?

Everywhere you go, there she is. She's on TV, she's at the supermarket, she's all over the Internet. She's making an album, she bought a Rolls Royce to celebrate turning 30, she releases more fragrances than a flower shop.

Finally, after running into Kim just about everywhere, I decided to find out who she is and what she is famous for.

After extensive research, I can report with some authority: Nothing. Kim Kardashian is famous for nothing.

Consider the evidence. She's the daughter of a Hollywood lawyer and the stepdaughter of Bruce Jenner, who was an Olympic decathlete a million years ago. She's one step up from Everywoman, but that's not enough to make her famous.

She's Armenian-American but so is Cher (Cherilyn Sarkisian) and Cher can sing.

She's attractive, but then so are millions of other young women and they're not famous, except in their dreams.

So how does Kim Kardashian make $5.5 million per year and who cares that she wants to make an album?

She has the trappings of celebrity — there's a reality show, a Dancing With The Stars gig, but the deeper you dig, it's a house of cards. There's no talent for acting or singing (or dancing, for that matter).

"Even in our worst nightmares, we failed to predict Kim Kardashian."

I'm not the only one who has noticed that compared to Kim Kardashian, Paris Hilton is a genuine star. At least Paris is amused by everything around her, including herself. Kim, as far as we can tell, is qualified to go shopping, or maybe eat lunch. Here's Fran Lebowitz, famous New York author and cynic, on the Kardashian phenomenon: "I am aware that there are these people called Kardashians, even if I have never seen one. It won't last."

When she says "it won't last," Fran means the reality show fake celebrity. "Because nothing lasts. Things may not change for the better — although it's almost impossible to imagine things changing for the worse — but they will change."

There are signs that Kim Kardashian is the end of the line. The National Enquirer, the mother of all celebrity gossip rags, has filed for bankruptcy protection. Survivor is recycling Survivor survivors. And when was the last time you heard anything from Jessica Simpson? Fake celebrity is so over. Maybe just in time to nip Kim's album in the bud.

But, yes Fran, it can get worse. Even in our worst nightmares, we failed to predict Kim Kardashian. But there she is, cluttering up Google. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

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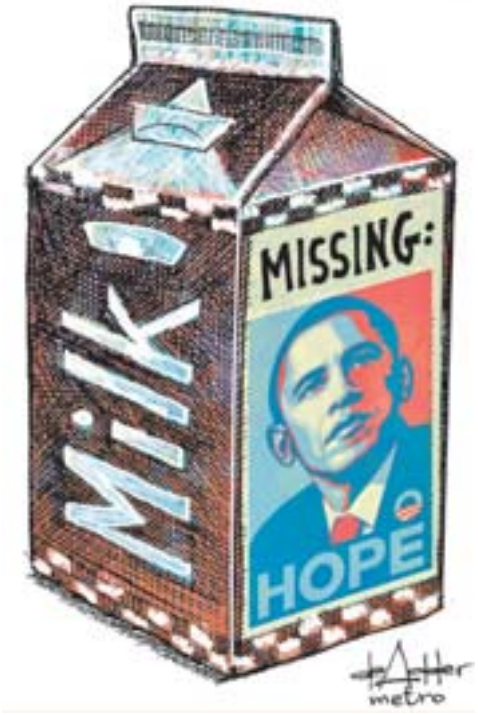

'There's no compromise'

Worth mentioning

Dolphin debate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

An unprecedented meeting between conservationists and leaders of the dolphin-hunting village depicted in the Oscar-winning film The Cove ended in bitter disagreement yesterday.

The carefully organized meeting in Taiji, Japan, was jolted beforehand when the film's star, Ric O'Barry, said he would boycott because severe restrictions had been imposed on the media covering the talks.

Taiji's hunt each year draws a range of protesters who videotape the slaughter and occasionally scuffle with local fishermen. This season — the first since the Oscar was awarded — the attention has been particularly intense, and the usually unresponsive town leaders agreed to a discussion at the town's community centre.

"There's no compromise to be made. There will be no stopping of our activities until the harassment, capture and slaughter of both dolphins and whales on this planet ends," said Sea Shepherd member Scott West, who has been in the area for nearly two months to monitor the hunts.

Village fishermen defended the hunt as part of a centuries-long tradition, pointing out that Westerners kill other animals for food.

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Metro Minute at Shadbolt Centre

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Then head down to the Shadbolt Centre For The Arts and enjoy the opening night of Mimi, Or A Poisoner's Comedy. The play offers a humorous look at Marquise de Brinvilliers, France's most notorious serial killer, through witty songs and dance routines.

The show, which is presented by Touchstone Theatre, stars Jennifer Lines and features lyrics and music by Allen Cole.

The performance starts at 8 p.m., and the stage is located at 6450 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby.

Tickets cost between $25 and $30. For more information, visit shadboltcentre.com.

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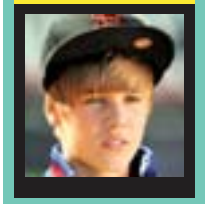

Justin Bieber's music has inspired a collection of nail polish, but the 16-year-old singer says he won't be wearing any of the Bieber-riffic shades.

"It's not really my nail polish line. Like, I think it's weird to think about that," he said at a recent event to promote his autobiography, First Step 2 Forever: My Story.

Bieber says the nail polish from Nicole by OPI, which is set to hit stores next month, is inspired by his hit songs. "Like, there's names like named after my music," he said."I don't know," he said. "It's like a really weird concept."

The collection, called One Less Lonely Girl, is set to include a bright red shade called OMB! and a glittery polish named Step 2 the Beat of My Heart.

Members of Bieber's team chimed in to add that the impetus for the nail polish line was OPI's willingness to donate to Pencils of Promise, a school-building organization Bieber has supported before.

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Longtime Wheel of Fortune announcer Charlie O'Donnell dies in Los Angeles at 78

Fatherhood played for laughs and sincerity in Hangover director's latest effort Downey Jr. says he used Phillips as inspiration for role as the high-strung father-to-be

▶ Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifinakis star in Due Date.

Due Date gives birth to plenty of laughs

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

If you want to be schooled in comedy, get ready, because class is in session and you will be tested on this later. Lesson number one: "People who are like a truck with no brakes are inherently funny." So decrees Zach Galifianakis when discussing his new movie, Due Date.

The film, which reunites Galifianakis with his Hangover director, Todd Phillips, offered him the chance to go mano a mano with Robert Downey Jr., who stars as a high-strung father-to-be forced to hitch a ride across the country with a train wreck aspiring actor (Galifianakis) in order to make it to his child's birth on time.

Sitting down to speak with the trio and looking over their cumulative bodies of work, you realize these men are responsible for some of the funniest moments in recent film history which is probably why Due Date is drawing inevitable comparisons to Planes, Trains and Automobiles, another odd couple road comedy, Phillips says they feel the most related to "in an odd way, Rainman."

"It is a road movie (but) at its core it's about Zach's character having just lost his father and Robert, who's about to become a father for the first time, and why they needed to meet at this moment," Phillips offers, in a moment of surprising sincerity.

Asked why the theme of fatherhood was appealing to a "Frat Pack" director whose films usually center on men clinging to their faded youth, Phillips replies, "I started making movies about college kids and I tend to grow with my movies, they're always about my age range. That's the next step in life; fatherhood. It seemed like an interesting thing to mine, both for emotion and comedy."

Much like Bradley Cooper in The Hangover, when asked about his part, Downey Jr. admits he was sort of playing Phillips, though, he adds, "Every time I feel I really hit critical mass is when the director and I become a third thing and that's the character. I always feel I'm playing an aspect of the director. It's a way of making him a proud parent."

Fittingly, Phillips is quick to lavish praise on his star in response, applauding Downey Jr.'s "producerial brain."

"He's basically another writer in the room," Phillips says. "Not to discredit the writers."

"No, it's a great script — which made me hate it even more," Downey Jr. smirks.

"Yeah, Robert has an aversion to all things typed, I've learned," Phillips replies. "Even if we just rewrote the scene on a napkin, he felt better about it."

"To be honest, this was the most healing project I've ever worked on," Downey Jr. continues. "I've never come up against anyone who is so confident and thoughtful and spontaneous. He's just in a class by himself. And Todd is the best director I've ever worked with, bar none."

"Did you all get that?" Phillips deadpans.

"And did you get what he said before it?" Galifianakis asks, before turning to Phillips and admitting with a laugh, "You know, I thought he was talking about you the whole time but then he switched over!"

The must see road comedies

The road comedy is one of Hollywood's simplest formulas. Get a pair of contrasting personalities, trap them on a plane, train, or automobile with a strict deadline and you've got comedy gold. This week The Hangover director Todd Phillips tries his hand at the genre with Zach Galifianakis and Robert Downey Jr. in Due Date. Gearing up for the release, Metro has compiled a list of some of the finest road comedies ever made.

1 Planes, Trains, And Automobiles (1987): Contrary to popular belief John Hughes' greatest achievement was not one of his teen movies, but this hysterical and surprisingly emotionally resonant road comedy with Steve Martin and John Candy.

2 It Happened One Night (1934): Frank Capra's comedy classic with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert is one of only three movies to sweep the five main Oscar categories (actor, actress, director, screenplay, and Best Picture).

3 Lost In America (1985): It's sad that so few people appreciate the genius of Albert Brooks these days. Though mostly forgotten, Brooks wrote, directed, and starred in this gem about a pair of yuppies quitting their jobs for the open road.

4 The Hope/Cosby "Road To" Pictures (1940-1962): No discussion of road comedies would be complete without mentioning Bob Hope and Bring Crosby's still hilarious series of "Road To" movies (often parodied on Family Guy).

5 National Lampoon's Vacation (1983): The '80s comedy dream team of screenwriter John Hughes, director Harold Ramis and Chevy Chase may have spawned a successful franchise with Vacation, but the original trip to Walley World remains the darkest and the best. PHIL BROWN

▶ John Candy in Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

Both Sheen and Mueller file their divorce papers

Charlie Sheen and wife Brooke Mueller each filed for divorce separately this week in Los Angeles, according to People magazine. Mueller wants custody of their young twin sons with visitation rights for Sheen, while Sheen wants joint custody, according to the filings.

The troubled couple cite irreconcilable differences and acknowledge they've been separated since their violent Christmas Day fight in Aspen, Colo., last year. Sources tell TMZ the timing had less to do with Sheen's recent incident in New York and more to do with him not wanting Mueller making their divorce fodder for her upcoming reality show.

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Celebrity tweets

Paula Abdul

[@paulaabdul] I got caught tweeting LOL! on set now, mystery glam team won't let me outta their sight!

Ashley Tisdale

[@ashleytisdale] Note to self: When your not allowed bread in ur diet.. don't go down the bakery isle at the grocery store!

Jesse McCartney

[@jessemccartney] Hey everyone. I lost my phone. Sorry I was gona for a couple days, but I'm back! Gettin' ready to release a video for you guys soon!

Lady Gaga [@lady gaga] I'd

wear any of my private attire for the world to see. But I would rather have an open flesh wound than wear a band aid in public. METRO

Rihanna's regrets

Rihanna will not forgive herself for missing Katy Perry's wedding: "I will never ever forgive myself for that," she tells Ryan Seacrest in a radio interview. Rihanna says she was cautioned off attending because her new album needed promoting, which might've proved difficult in India. METRO

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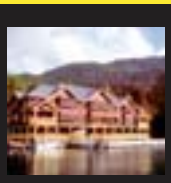

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Despite its reputation, Cancun is more than just a party town
On the Yucatan Peninsula, you'll find ancient ruins, diving and world-class golf

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▶ The Yucatan Peninsula is the gateway to impressive cultural attractions, such as the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza.

Contradictory Cancun

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Despite its legendary party reputation, Cancun really is a place of stark contrasts. On any given day, you can head deep into the heart of a wild jungle exploring ancient ruins, then find yourself in a concrete jungle inside what has to be one of the wildest bars in Mexico, the Coco Bongo.

In the spirit of research, I ventured into this famous downtown nightclub, and soon found myself jammed in the middle of 2,000 wild, screaming, heavy-drinking party-goers. Did I mention these people were drinking… a lot?

Just to make things even more surreal, films played on the walls, acrobats swung from the ceiling, and I'm sure I saw Spiderman climbing a chandelier. Okay, I admit it was pretty cool. This is the crazy side of Cancun you hear so much about, but there really is so much more.

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▶ Cancun is famous for its white sandy beaches.

The nearby Mayan Riviera not only offers a low-key vibe with amazing beaches and turquoise water, it's also the gateway to some pretty impressive cultural attractions.

The Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, which date back to 445 BC, are nothing less than amazing. The 75-foot-high Kuculcan Temple draws huge crowds every year, when it accurately predicts the spring and fall equinoxes in a spectacle of light and shadow. Nearby is the well-preserved ball court where Mayans used to play their sport of the day.

Another historical site worth visiting is Tulum, located about 80 miles south of Cancun — an ancient city that sits on a cliff overlooking the Caribbean.

Not just beaches

Other cool things to do in Cancun:

- **Visit Xcaret Park.** Swim through natural underground rivers and caves in this unique eco-park. You can check out the wildlife on a jungle tour, or enjoy a million-dollar view from the 80-metre-high rotating tower.
- **Take a ferry to Cozumel.** Near Playa del Carmen, this island is considered one of the top five diving destinations in the world. For the less adventurous, the beaches and snorkelling are great too. The island features restaurants, bars, shops and a world-class golf course.

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And there's no single answer when you're talking about a country of almost 2 million km^2 (over 760,000 sq. mi.). Mexico's six tourist regions and 32 states cover a huge range of landscapes and terrains, from the deserts and mountain ranges of the north to Central Mexico's colourful towns and colonial cities. Outdoor adventures abound in the Gulf of Mexico and the Yucatan Peninsula. On the Pacific coast you'll taste some of Mexico's finest cuisine, while the Baja California Peninsula is your place for activities as varied as golf and whale watching. Simply put, there's an awful lot to see and do in Mexico.

It's always been this way. The country's rich history (and willingness to preserve it) has ranked Mexico fifth overall for UNESCO world heritage sites—its 31 cultural and natural wonders put it ahead of both the United States and Canada. Among these many highlights are the Franciscan Missions in the Sierra Gorda of Querétaro; the Pre-Hispanic City of El Tajin; the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve; and the Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino.

Mexico's urban architecture, in particular, stands out. Often blending architectural traditions from several cultures, indigenous and colonial, Mexico's array of cathedrals and other religious landmarks contrast well with remnants of the profane, such as the portions of a wall and bulwark once built to defend Campeche from pirate attacks. Some of the country's most intriguing buildings can be found in its capital, Mexico City, where the twin influences of Art Deco and Art Nouveau helped bring about structures like the Palacio de Bellas Artes (Palace of Fine Arts) and the Palacio Postal (Postal Palace). Contemporary architects continue to be inspired by Mexico's diversity, in both its human and man-made forms.

You will be, too. This is a nation awaiting your interpretation—with its size and incredible range of things to see and do, it can be the ideal destination for whatever type of trip you have in mind. Learn, love, lounge—or do it all—in memorable Mexico.

Mayan Ruins, Tulum, Mexico

Simply put, there's an awful lot to see and do in Mexico

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Taking a big bite out of Taiwan's tasty cuisine

Island nation has spent millions promoting itself as a must for travelling foodies Plenty of options from great fine dining to street side fare in Asian country

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Taiwan is on a culinary mission. They launched an over $32 million dollar "gastro-diplomacy" campaign this summer internationally. For food tourists, it's one more reason to head to the island and taste for yourself.

First stop: Taipei. Restaurant chain Din Tai Fung started here and is world famous for their handmade dumplings. Make sure you nibble a hole in your dumpling and drink the delicious juices inside before you eat, lest you spill. You can get anything from xiao long bao to shrimp to red bean fillings.

Selections are endless at the Shilin Night Market. You can get shaved ice desserts or try bubble tea, oyster omelette and if you dare, the infamous "smelly" tofu.

JOAN CHENG/METRO

▶ Get any vegetable, fish or meat skewers made to order at the Shilin Night Market in Taipei.

Don't forget the papaya milk you can get just about anywhere on the road.

Fine dining fans go to the Silks Palace restaurant next to the National Palace Museum. Enjoy a seven-course feast that echoes the exhibits in the museum. Eat a "cabbage jade" that looks just like the famous jade cabbage carving, but unlike the stone it's crunchy and gently flavoured.

Taiwan is home to fourteen distinct indigenous tribes.

Near Hualien city in the south the Amis tribe runs the Red Cottage Restaurant serving traditional hot pot. Constructed from betel leaves, the "pots" are filled with seafood and water.

Superheated rocks are added to make the water boil, which makes for quite the show, not to mention a delicious meal.

There's something for every taste and budget. Put Taiwan on your travel list. Come back sated.

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▶ A server prepares traditional Amis hotpot at the Red Cottage Restaurant in Hualien county. She adds superheated rocks that boil the seafood inside, then adds vegetables.

Time for some easy-to-make Taiwanese papaya milk

Ingredients :

- 1 cup ripe papaya, chopped
- 1 cup 2 percent milk
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 3 tbsp sugar, or to taste

You can get papaya milk at road stands and restaurants across the country. They're delicious, refreshing and really easy to make.

In Taiwan they use whole milk but 2 per cent works fine. The key is to get the best papaya you can.

Preparation:

1. Put all ingredients into blender. Blend until thoroughly mixed. Makes one serving.

Traditional hot 'pots'

COOKING UTENSIL. The Amis tribe makes "pots" for their traditional hot pot.

They soak and sun dry betel leaves three times, then fold it into shape. The leaves can withstand rocks heated up to 400 degrees Celsius. The pot is used once. ● JOAN CHENG

▶ Hungry diners gather around the table to enjoy a traditional Amis lunch at the Red Cottage Restaurant in Hualien.

▶ Taiwan's famous shaved ice desserts are widely available at the Shilin Night Market in Taipei. You can choose almost any toppings, like tapioca, grass jelly and aiyu jelly pictured here.

Taiwanese Oyster Omelet

Ingredients :

- 1 cup of oysters, defrosted and chopped
- Any liquid from the defrosted oysters
- Cold water
- 3 large eggs
- 1 ½ to 2 cups of finely chopped leafy Chinese greens (like napa cabbage, pea shoots, lettuce, etc)
- Salt to taste
- ¼ cup of sweet potato starch or cornstarch
- Several splashes of pork lard or vegetable oil
- 2 to 3 tbsp sweet chili sauce (or make some mixing sriracha sauce and ketchup)

Taiwanese Oyster Omelet is a street food favourite that's easy to make at home. You can find the more unusual ingredients at Asian supermarkets.

Preparation:

1. Scramble eggs with salt and set aside. Put any liquid from defrosted oysters into a measuring cup till you get half a cup. If you don't have enough, add cold water until you get half a cup. Mix starch with water and oysters until combined.
2. Heat a splash of lard or oil in a frying pan until hot.
3. Add vegetables in the pan and stir fry until wilted. Set aside. Drain liquid from the pan.
4. Heat another splash of fat in the pan.
5. Add water and oyster mixture and cook until the starch starts becoming transluscent. Make sure not to let it burn.
6. Add egg mixture on top. Add vegetables on top. Let cook for a minute, then flip the omelette to cook the other side. Cook until lightly brown on both sides.
7. Remove from heat. Serve with chili sauce. .

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▶ Ski resorts are amping up their forays into social media.

Apps for the ski slopes

Social media apps bring tech to skiing, from geotags to tweets

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▶ A virtual lift ticket from ski software company RTP.

This season, there's more to technology on the ski slopes than the new shapes in skis.

As skiers and snowboarders head online to book vacations and then brag about it, Colorado resorts are amping up their social media and smartphone applications to reach them, offering everything from geotagging to automatic Twitter updates.

Vail Resorts Inc. and Aspen Skiing Co. are launching new apps, and resort employees industry-wide are plastering Facebook walls and tweeting about recent snowfall and special deals that might not be available anywhere else.

Techies are buzzing about Vail Resorts' free EpicMix mobile and online application, which uses radio frequency identification tags on lift tickets and season passes.

The RFID tags and new scanners on lift towers let EpicMix track ski days and vertical feet logged at Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail and Beaver Creek in Colorado and Heavenly in California, without doing anything extra.

Customers who opt in can have that information automatically posted on their Twitter and Facebook updates, and their visits can earn them digital "pins," similar to what Gowalla and Foursquare offer. (For now, EpicMix pins don't translate into real-life rewards.)

At RTP, the company is beefing up the Realski iPhone application that acts as an interactive trail map for dozens of North American resorts. Realski 2.0, available this season, also lets users take screen shots and geotag them. Need to find that powder stash again? Take a picture and geotag it, so that Realski can point the way back.

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Cross-country cuisine

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▶ Buca Restaurant

Judging from a new top 10 list of recently opened restaurants, travellers in Canada have an exciting array of eateries to tempt their palates.

Air Canada's enRoute magazine has come up with a new top 10 list of winning restaurants that opened between summer 2009 and summer 2010.

The mouthwatering winner is Haisai Restaurant and Bakery in Singhampton, Ont.

"Dinner here is a fairy-tale, the kind with a very happy ending," enRoute's contributing food writer and sampler, Sarah Musgrave, says of Haisai.

The remaining nine restaurants are:

Bao Bei Chinese Brasserie, Vancouver. "Chef Joel Watanabe home spins ingredients from close by with flavours from far away, irreverently and intelligently reminding us that comfort food doesn't have to be white bread."

Cava Spiliadis, Montreal. "Greece isn't all shoreline. And if Cava is anomalous in being a Greek steakhouse, it's also a showcase for the country's mainland cuisine."

Local Kitchen & Wine Bar, Toronto. "The earnest energy and post-pretentious attitude — down to the name — belies the finely tuned offerings."

Stone Soup Inn, Cowichan Valley, B.C. "The scent of ocean-dashed cedar emanates in little huffs and puffs from a bentwood box ... the container cooks the seafood in no time."

Charcut Roast House, Calgary. "In a city of steakhouses, Charcut is a meathouse. Their version of the Cowtown standby, the prime rib special, sees locally sourced, range-fed beef smoked, spit-roasted and dripping with jus."

Quatrefoil, Dundas, Ont. "That's where Quatrefoil's skill lies: in reconstituting French classics with just enough regional sensibility to repatriate rather than replay them."

EdGe, Sooke, B.C. "EdGe's rare combination of backcountry cool and culinary chops suits Sookies and travelling foodies alike."

Buca, Toronto. "The funghi pie is superlative ... Cut the rectangular crust with scissors. Add something green — wild dandelion salad with figs."

Le Quartier General, Montreal. "The Stanstead rabbit loin is stuffed with rabbit confit and rabbit chorizo — three ways in one. Suckling pig encased in the faintest of phyllo."

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Tax-Free Savings Accounts aren't just about saving

Peter Aceto — President & CEO at ING DIRECT

"The ability to invest tax-free is one of the most significant vehicles Canadians have been given to build their investment portfolios," says Peter Aceto, President and CEO of ING DIRECT. "The earlier in the year contributions are made, the more beneficial tax-free investing can be. Canadians owe it to themselves to find a way to use TFSA's to make sure that their mutual funds, stocks and other investments are sheltered from taxes."

Although the Tax Free Savings Account has been available for almost two years, more than half of Canadians still do not have a TFSA and 14% are unaware of the tax saving vehicle according to a recent Angus Reid Poll.

Many Canadians may not be aware that the TFSA can also serve as a useful vehicle for long-term investing for things like a down-payment or renovations, in addition to short-term savings goals.

For example, suppose you made a $5,000 investment that yielded 7% from capital gains on stocks. If your marginal tax rate was at 30%, and 50% of the gains were taxable, you'd end up with about $8,900 in 10 years. Meanwhile, if you made the same investment in a TFSA you'd have about $9,800 within the same time frame. Why? More of your TFSA money had time to grow since you didn't have to take money out of your account each year to pay taxes. Since more money was invested, your compounding of returns had a greater impact.

If you're investments generate interest income, rather than capital gains, the tax savings are greater. For example, if you invest the same $5,000 in a bond yielding 4% from interest income, it would be worth about $6,600 in 10 years. But, if you put that money in a TFSA you'd have $7,400 instead. If you're looking for a simple way to gain interest income, investing tax-free really powers your returns.

Here are three reasons why you should consider opening a TFSA for your investments. It could mean a lot more for you down the road:

1. **You are already contributing the full limit to your RRSP each year.** The TFSA gives you another way to reduce taxes. Down the road, you can take money out of this plan tax-free. This would enable you to delay taking cash from your RRSP – and paying the taxes on those withdrawals.
2. **You need flexibility in saving.** With a TFSA, you can carry forward any unused contribution room to future years. And, if you need to spend what's in your TFSA, you can put back the full amount of your withdrawal the next year– and still save the maximum each year. You don't lose contribution room as you would with an RRSP.
3. **You want to reduce taxes on your investments.** Investors can use the TFSA to shelter investments that would otherwise be taxed at the highest rate. That's because there is no tax at all on your TFSA investments. For example, you could invest your TFSA savings in highly taxed interest income or mutual fund gains

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Foodie gets a wake-up call

After being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes — or adult-onset — Vancouver food stylist Nathan Fong turned his whole life around

Avid foodie Nathan Fong got the shock of his life when he was diagnosed recently with adult-onset Type 2 diabetes.

The Vancouver-based food and props stylist for culinary print and film advertising had been feeling uncharacteristically lethargic so he went to his physician.

"I live a healthy lifestyle and exercise regularly," says the trim Fong. And he is a busy man.

He is regularly featured on CBC Radio, has a weekly television show, Saturday Chef, airing on Global BCTV, writes a regular newspaper column on food and contributes culinary articles to various international magazines.

"But growing up in an Asian family, we are very susceptible to Type 2 diabetes because of all the rice and noodles we eat."

Those foods are high in carbohydrates, which convert to sugar in the body, and consuming too much can lead some people to develop the disease.

"I used to be a three-bowl-of-rice person at mealtime," Fong says, "because I thought rice would make me healthy and strong."

Another passion was snacking on wonton noodles and dining at some of Vancouver's famous dim sum restaurants.

"Both are high in carbs and dim sum is also huge in fats," he says.

As a connoisseur of fine wines, Fong has found he can no longer drink them because "they too are pure sugar, but I can have the occasional alcohol drinks like gin and tonic or rum and coke although the mix is sugar-free."

Several other ethnic groups are also prone to Type 2 diabetes, he says.

"Latinos and Hispanics are really susceptible because their diet, like corn tamales and tortillas, are all high-carb and east Indians and Aboriginals are so inclined."

Diabetes occurs when the pancreas is unable to produce enough insulin or when the body doesn't use the insulin effectively. Insulin controls the amount of glucose in the blood.

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▶ Nathan Fong got the shock of his life when he was diagnosed with adult onset Type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes tips

- Healthy eating, along with medicine if prescribed and regular physical activity, can help lower your blood sugar.
- Start by adding high-fibre foods, including fruits and vegetables. Fibre-rich foods may help stop spikes in blood sugar.

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Recipe

▶ Baked Eggs With Prosciutto.

Start your day with nutritious baked eggs

To mark Diabetes Awareness Month, here is a breakfast recipe that would suit the meal plans of people with Type 2 diabetes, as well as anyone who wants to eat well.

Baked Eggs With Prosciutto

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 190 C (375 F). Spray 4 ramekins with cooking spray.
2. For each serving, divide asparagus and prosciutto among ramekins, crack in 2 eggs, drizzle each with 30 to 45 ml (2 to 3 tbsp) cream and season gently with salt and pepper.
3. Bake for about 6 minutes or until whites of eggs are set and yolks are still loose. Sprinkle top of eggs with breadcrumbs. Makes 4 servings.

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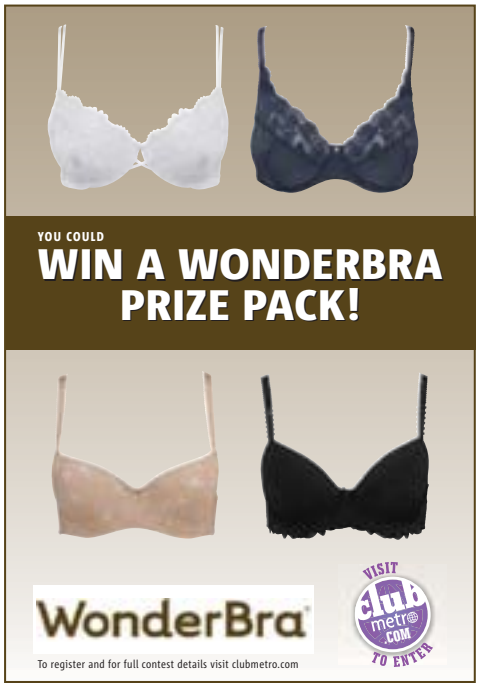
Ingredients:

- 4 medium stalks asparagus, blanched and cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) prosciutto, sliced 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick and cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) dice
- 8 large eggs
- 120 to 180 ml (8 to 12 tbsp) 2 per cent evaporated milk
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted whole-wheat breadcrumbs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Can you save a life?

Workplace CPR training is key to prevention and treatment

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There are a number of courses covering specific aspects of CPR.

"You could save a life."

The simple catchphrase for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) has been ingrained in our heads since childhood. But how many of us actually know how to perform the procedure? In an emergency, could you save a life?

Canadian Red Cross Instructor Nick Rondinelli says answering that question is the goal behind November's official designation as CPR Awareness Month

Rondinelli, who is also director of Heart To Heart First Aid CPR Services, says CPR accreditation often provides another equally important function.

"CPR training isn't just about saving people. It focuses on prevention, recovery and minimizing more problems," he says.

Rondinelli was inspired to learn and teach CPR after witnessing a friend die from a lack of resuscitation. He gained his certification in 1993 and opened Heart to Heart a decade later. Recently it was expanded to facilitate greater in-house training and gained approval by Workers Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) as an independent certification locale for businesses.

He feels passionate about extolling the importance of proper training.

"There are a number of courses covering specific aspects," he said.

Introductory CPR Level A includes five hours of training in life-threatening, adult-only situations such as choking and stroke. The CPR Level C requiress seven hours training with infant, child and adult situations.

Emergency First Aid/CPR Level C entails eight hours of emergency training in bleeding, anaphylaxis and asthma. A two-day Standard First Aid/CPR Level C course, which looks at head injury, spinal and burns, offers greater coverage.

For newcomers, Rondinelli suggests the latter, as it addresses many potential crises. Courses are available at a number of authorized facilities with prices ranging from $55 to $100 per employee, depending on the course.

"Patrons receive a student manual, three-year certification and AED (Automatic External Defibrillation) training," he notes, adding that the three-year cap ensures return students learn CPR advancements as introduced every five years.

Most workplaces are required to have a designated number of First Aid and CPR-trained staff on-hand.

Earlier this year, the American Heart Association updated its CPR guidelines, including a call for more chest compressions and less excessively ventilating.

"So many people have told me about friends, family or colleagues who had medical emergencies but since they didn't know how to recognize life-threatening symptoms or how to address them, it caused loss of life," Rondinelli says. "Every one was preventable with a few hours of basic CPR training."

CPR facts

Some simple CPR facts that could compel you to call your nearest certification site:

- **The brain dies** within four to six minutes without oxygen. "Not only does this mean that someone is less likely to survive, but if they do they could have brain damage," Rondinelli notes.
- **On average,** it takes Emergency Response Services nine minutes to arrive after a call.
- **If CPR is** administered, that person can be kept alive past nine minutes.
- **Even the** shortest CPR certification course takes a mere five hours but lasts three years and could save a coworker or loved one.

"Get the training. Don't assume it won't be you."
NICK RONDINELLI

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Emily Carasco did what everyone does when they want a job — she fought for it. When she didn't get it, she asked the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal to give it to her anyway.

Carasco applied for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor. She was one of two people shortlisted for the position. During the final stages of the interview process a colleague accused Carasco of plagiarizing part of a textbook.

When Carasco didn't get the position, she filed an application with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal alleging that the interview process was racist and sexist, and that her colleague had intentionally "sabotaged" her application. She asked the Tribunal to give her the position of dean of law for five years as well as monetary damages.

Carasco also asked the Tribunal to prevent the University from appointing a new dean until her application could be decided. Her rationale was that, the position of dean is for a five-year term. If the university appointed a new dean now, the tribunal would not be able to appoint her as dean if her case was successful.

Although an extraordinary remedy, in general, human rights tribunals have the power to appoint people to positions, even if they have already been filled.

The tribunal also has the ability to make an order directing any party to do anything to promote compliance with human rights legislation. However, this would be the first time such a job was imposed by the tribunal.

While the tribunal refused to grant Carasco's interim request to stop the search process and prevent the university from appointing a dean, it confirmed that it has the ability to unilaterally appoint Carasco as dean in the future, should it decide to do so.

This case serves as a warning to employers to ensure that their hiring processes are free of discrimination since at least one tribunal has ruled that it can give an otherwise unsuccessful applicant what they wanted in the first place — the position they applied for.

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News worth sharing.

Standing up to bullying

Kids encouraged to take a stand during Bullying Awareness Week ◗ Peers have the power to stop it

November 15-21 marks Family Channel's eighth annual Bullying Awareness Week and the network, along with their partner organization, PREVNet, a national network committed to ending bullying and promoting positive relationships, want to equip students with the resources they need to stand up to bullying.

"In Canadian playgrounds it is estimated that bullying takes place every 7.5 minutes and the impact of those actions is both damaging and long lasting," said Dr. Debra Pepler, distinguishedresearch professor of psychology, York University and scientific co-director of PREVNet. "Bullying Awareness Week gives us a fantastic opportunity to talk about these issues and hopefully provide students with the skills they need to tackle bullying year round."

PREVNet is especially interested in the role of bystanders in bullying situations. Research by the organization indicates that bullying typically occurs in front of an audience of peers who have the power to either stop or prolong the bullying episode based on their actions. In the majority of cases, when bystanders do intervene in bullying situations, bullying stops within 10 seconds. PREVNet is keen to encourage kids to stand up to bullying by offering the following suggestions for students who witness bullying behaviour:

Assertively, but not aggressively, tell the child or youth who is bullying to stop.

▶ Bullying typically occurs in front of an audience.

"I'm proud to be a part of an initiative that raises awareness about an issue that is sadly all too prominent with students." NIKKI YANOFSKY

Give attention and support to the child who is victimized.

Students should tell a responsible adult if they see an incident of bullying, for example, a parent, teacher, coach, or group leader.

Pepler, is aware that for many children, confronting bullying behaviour when they see it can be difficult. "These strategies are a challenge and I would encourage parents and teachers to discuss and rehearse these strategies with their children. It really is so important that students feel empowered to stand up to bullying and they need adult support to do this."

the message

▶ **Musical acts** Nikki Yanofsky, Saveria and Lindsay Hamilton have each recorded a bullying-prevention anthem to encourage youth to stand up to bullying for this year's national Bullying Awareness Week.

More information on Bullying Awareness Week, including bullying-prevention tip sheets and resources can be found at family.ca. NEWS CANADA

Song at the heart of campaign

Actions may speak louder than words, but Family Channel is proving that both are equally important with its eighth annual Bullying Awareness Week campaign which this year runs November 15-21 and uses the power of song to connect with Canada's youth.

Aptly titled Sing Stand UP!, the network's campaign enlists the help of three Canadian musical artists to provide their own bullying-prevention anthems for the initiative. Canadian singing sensation Nikki Yanofsky, Lindsay Hamilton and rising star Saveria each took up the challenge.

"I'm proud to be a part of an initiative that raises awareness about an issue that is sadly all too prominent with students," said Yanofsky, who is the voice behind Vancouver 2010's I Believe.

Yanofsky has recorded a rendition of the popular Ooh Child, while newcomer Saveria composed a song entitled Don't Push Me Down. Hamilton performs her own composition, Dream On.

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Torres' hat trick lifts Canucks

Raffi Torres had a hat trick and assisted on Daniel Sedin's game-winner with third goal of the night

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Raffi Torres had the hat trick against his former team yesterday as the Vancouver Canucks withstood a late charge to beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 and pick up their fourth straight win.

Daniel Sedin also scored for the Canucks (6-3-2), who won for the first time on the road this season. Vancouver plays seven of its next eight away from home.

Dustin Penner, Ryan Jones and Gilbert Brule replied for the Oilers (3-5-2), who have just one win in their last eight games after a 2-0 start.

After Vancouver blew a three-goal lead, Torres completed his hat trick with a no-look backhander that surprised Oilers netminder Nikolai Khabibulin with nine minutes to go in the third.

The Canucks opened the scoring with a pair of goals just 32 seconds apart to go up 2-0 just past the midpoint of the first period.

Sedin scored his eighth of the year on a long power-play tip-in past Khabibulin. Torres made it 2-0 after a diving play on a rebound off the board to chip a shot over the Edmonton goalie.

Torres, who spent six seasons with the Oilers organization, scored his second of the night with five minutes to go in the opening frame, tipping a Kevin Bieksa shot past Khabibulin with the man advantage to make it 3-0.

The Oilers finally got on the scoreboard nine minutes into the second. Andrew Cogliano created a turnover behind the Vancouver net and Penner swung in front to beat Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo.

Edmonton cut the lead to a single goal four minutes into the third as Zack Stortini put a shot on net. Jones kept digging at the loose puck in front until he slid it under Luongo to make it 3-2. The Oilers then tied the game two minutes later as Brule took a feed from Cogliano and unleashed a slapshot that blew past the Vancouver goalie.

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Burrows returns

- Canucks winger Alex Burrows played his first game of the season following recovery from shoulder surgery. Burrows led the Canucks with 35 goals last season.
- With Burrows being activated from the injured list, Vancouver re-assigned Jeff Tambellini to Manitoba of the AHL.

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▶ Jordan Eberle of the Edmonton Oilers knocks the puck out of the air as Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo looks on last night.

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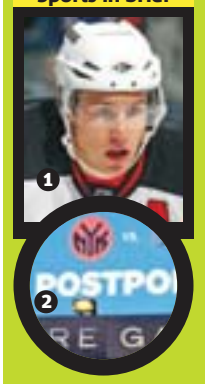
Sports in brief



1 Zach Parise is going to be sidelined three months with a knee injury.

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Washington	11	7	4	0	0	34	25	14	4-1-0-0	3-3-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
NY Rangers	11	6	4	1	0	34	32	13	2-3-1-0	4-1-0-0	5-4-1-0	W2
Pittsburgh	12	6	5	1	0	35	28	13	2-4-0-0	4-1-1-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Boston	8	6	2	0	0	24	11	12	2-2-0-0	4-0-0-0	6-2-0-0	W2
Atlanta	11	5	4	1	1	36	40	12	2-2-0-0	3-2-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Toronto	11	5	5	1	0	25	26	11	3-3-1-0	2-2-0-0	4-5-1-0	L3
Ottawa	12	5	6	1	0	29	37	11	3-3-0-0	2-3-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Carolina	11	5	6	0	0	27	33	10	1-2-0-0	4-4-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	11	4	5	1	1	31	37	10	2-1-0-1	2-4-1-0	4-5-1-0	L4
Florida	9	4	5	0	0	24	21	8	2-1-0-0	2-4-0-0	4-5-0-0	W1
Buffalo	12	3	7	2	0	30	38	8	0-4-1-0	3-3-1-0	2-6-2-0	L3
New Jersey	13	3	9	1	0	20	42	7	0-4-1-0	3-5-0-0	3-7-0-0	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Los Angeles	11	8	3	0	0	34	25	16	4-0-0-0	4-3-0-0	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Chicago	14	7	6	1	0	41	40	15	4-4-0-0	3-2-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
d-Vancouver	11	6	3	0	2	31	27	14	5-0-0-1	1-3-0-1	6-3-0-1	W4
St. Louis	9	6	1	1	1	26	17	14	5-0-0-0	1-1-1-1	6-1-1-1	W4
Columbus	11	7	4	0	0	25	29	14	4-3-0-0	3-1-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Detroit	9	6	2	0	1	30	24	13	4-1-0-1	2-1-0-0	6-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	10	5	2	3	0	23	25	13	2-1-3-0	3-1-0-0	5-2-3-0	L2
Colorado	11	6	4	1	0	39	39	13	2-2-0-0	4-2-1-0	5-4-1-0	W2
Dallas	10	6	4	0	0	32	27	12	3-3-0-0	3-1-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Calgary	11	6	5	0	0	33	34	12	4-3-0-0	2-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Minnesota	11	5	4	0	2	27	27	12	4-3-0-1	1-1-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
San Jose	10	5	3	2	0	29	26	11	2-2-1-0	3-2-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Phoenix	10	3	4	3	0	23	39	9	1-2-2-0	2-2-1-0	3-4-3-0	L1
Anaheim	12	4	7	0	1	29	42	9	2-1-0-1	2-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Edmonton	10	3	5	0	2	31	37	8	2-3-0-0	1-2-0-2	3-5-0-2	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Ottawa 3 Toronto 2
Columbus 3 Montreal 0
Minnesota 1 San Jose 0
Vancouver 4 Edmonton 3
Monday's results
Vancouver 3 New Jersey 0
N.Y. Rangers 3 Chicago 2
Philadelphia 3 Carolina 2
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SENATORS 3, LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Ottawa Fisher 4, 17:06 (ps)
Penalties — Grabovski Tor (slashing) 14:24.
Second Period
2. Ottawa Gonchar 1 (Karlsson, Alfredsson) 7:33 pp
3. Ottawa Karlsson 3 (Gonchar, Foligno) 9:59 pp
Penalties — Phillips Ott (holding) 0:35, Ruutu Ott (holding the stick) 2:39, Caputi Tor (elbowing) 7:19, Orr Tor (roughing) 8:23, Gunnarsson Tor (high-sticking) 11:34.
Third Period
4. Toronto Beauchemin 2 (MacArthur) 5:15
5. Toronto MacArthur 7 (Grabovski, Versteeg) 19:09 pp
Penalties — Spezza Ott (cross-checking) 14:16, Kelly Ott (hooking) 17:57, Hale Ott (delay of game) 19:29.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	11	9	4	24
Toronto	5	12	18	35

Goal — Ottawa: Elliot (W, 5-4-0), Toronto: Giguere (L, 4-3-1) **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa; 2-4 Toronto 1-5
Att. — 19,409 at Toronto

CANUCKS 4, OILERS 3

First Period
1. Vancouver, D. Sedin 8 (H. Sedin, Edler) 11:01 (pp)
2. Vancouver, Torres 4 (Malholtra, Bieksa) 11:33
3. Vancouver, Torres 5 (Bieksa) 15:13 (pp)
Penalties — Smid Edm (delay of game) 10:30, Ehrhoff Vcr (hooking) 11:41, Gilbert Edm (interference) 13:41.
Second Period
4. Edmonton, Penner 4 (Cogliano) 9:16
Penalties — Torres Vcr (interference) 0:31, Eberle Edm (tripping) 14:34, Penner Edm (roughing) 16:34.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Jones 3 (Stortini, Smid) 3:48
6. Edmonton, Brule 2 (Cogliano, Smid) 5:28
7. Vancouver, Torres 6 (Bieksa, Luongo) 10:53
Penalty — Alberts Vcr (roughing) 6:54.
Shots

Vancouver	11	10	9	30
Edmonton	5	12	9	26

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,4-4-2); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,3-5-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 2-4; Edmonton: 0-3.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	9	10	19
Sharp, Chi	10	6	16
C.Stewart, Col	9	7	16
Crosby, Pgh	6	9	15
J.Thornton, SJ	5	10	15
Getzlaf, Ana	4	11	15
B.Richards, Dal	3	11	14
Ovechkin, Wash	7	6	13
Roy, Buf	6	7	13
Heatley, SJ	5	8	13
P.Stastny, Col	5	8	13
Callahan, NYR	4	9	13
Giroux, Pha	7	5	12
D.Sedin, Vcr	7	5	12
Alfredsson, Ott	6	6	12
Perry, Ana	5	7	12
Selanne, Ana	5	7	12

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	3	1	.750	—
New Jersey	2	1	.667	½
New York	1	2	.333	1½
Toronto	1	2	.333	1½
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	3

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	0	1.000	—
Miami	4	1	.800	½
Orlando	1	1	.500	2
Washington	1	2	.333	2½
Charlotte	0	3	.000	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	3	.250	1½
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	1½
Detroit	0	4	.000	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
Memphis	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	2	1	.667	1
Houston	0	3	.000	3

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	4	1	.800	—
Denver	2	1	.667	1
Oklahoma City	2	1	.667	1
Utah	1	2	.333	2
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	3	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	3	1	.750	½
Golden State	2	1	.667	1
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Clippers	0	4	.000	3½

Last night's results
Atlanta 100, Cleveland 88
Washington 116, Philadelphia 115 (OT)
Boston 109, Detroit 86
Miami 129, Minnesota 97
Orlando at New York, ppd.
Portland 90, Milwaukee 76
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Monday's results
Chicago 110, Portland 98
Sacramento 111, Toronto 108
San Antonio 97, L.A. Clippers 88

LATE MONDAY

KINGS 111, RAPTORS 108

TORONTO (108)
Kleiza 6-16 3-3 18, R.Evans 2-6 2-5 6, Bargnani 10-17 5-5 28, Jack 1-5 0-0 2, DeRozan 7-12 10-14 24, Weems 3-10 0-0 6, Calderon 5-9 1-2 13, Andersen 2-2 0-0 5, Barbosa 1-6 0-0 2, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 39-85 21-29 108.
SACRAMENTO (111)
Cassipi 5-10 1-2 14, Landry 4-13 1-1 9, Cousins 6-10 4-4 16, Udrih 7-12 2-2 17, T.Evans 9-16 5-7 23, Dalembert 2-7 0-0 4, Garcia 2-4 0-0 4, A.Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Head 1-6 6-6 9, Thompson 3-5 1-1 7, Jackson 3-4 2-4 8. Totals 42-88 22-27 111.

Toronto	33	29	24	22	108
Sacramento	16	35	27	33	111

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-21 (Bargnani 3-6, Kleiza 3-8, Calderon 2-3, Andersen 1-1, Jack 0-1, Barbosa 0-2), Sacramento 5-12 (Cassipi 3-6, Udrih 1-2, Head 1-3, Garcia 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 56 (R.Evans 19), Sacramento 49 (Dalembert 14). Assists—Toronto 19 (Jack, Calderon 5), Sacramento 15 (T.Evans 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 26, Sacramento 24. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second, Sacramento Bench.
A—17,317 (17,317) at Sacramento.

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

(All times Eastern)
FIRST ROUND
Top two teams in each group advance
THIRD-PLACE TEAMS ADVANCE TO EUROPA LEAGUE
GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Tottenham	4	2	1	1	12	8	7
Inter Milan	4	2	1	1	11	8	7
Twente	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Werder Bremen	4	0	2	2	3	9	2

Yesterday's results
Werder Bremen 0, Twente 2
Tottenham 3, Inter Milan 1
GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Lyon	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
Schalke	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Benfica	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

Yesterday's results
Hapoel Tel-Aviv 0, Schalke 0
Benfica 4, Lyon 3
GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Manchester Utd	4	3	1	0	5	0	10
Valencia	4	2	1	1	8	2	7
Glasgow Rangers	4	1	2	1	2	4	5
Burasspor	4	0	0	4	0	9	0

Yesterday's results
Bursaspor 0, Manchester United 3
Valencia 3, Glasgow Rangers 0
GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Barcelona	4	2	2	0	9	3	8
Copenhagen	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
Rubin Kazan	4	0	3	1	1	2	3
Panathinaikos	4	0	2	2	1	7	2

Yesterday's results
Rubin Kazan 0, Panathinaikos 0
Copenhagen 1, Barcelona 1
GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Bayern Munich	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Cluj	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Basel	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
AS Roma	3	1	0	2	3	6	3

Today's games
Basel vs. AS Roma, 1:45 p.m.
Cluj vs. Bayern Munich, 1:45 p.m.
GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Chelsea	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Spartak Moscow	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Marseille	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Zilina	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Today's games
Chelsea vs. Spartak Moscow, 1:45 p.m.
Zilina vs. Marseille, 1:45 p.m.
GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Real Madrid	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
AC Milan	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ajax	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Auxerre	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Today's games
Auxerre vs. Ajax, 1:45 p.m.
AC Milan vs. Real Madrid, 1:45 p.m.
GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	14	2	9
Shakhtar Donetsk	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Braga	3	1	0	2	2	9	3
Partizan Belgrade	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Today's games
Partizan Belgrade vs. Braga, 1:45 p.m.
Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Arsenal, 1:45 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Semifinals
(two-game aggregate goal total)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York vs. San Jose
(New York leads series 1-0)
Tomorrow's game
Second Leg
San Jose at New York, 8 p.m.
Columbus vs. Colorado
(Colorado leads series 1-0)
Saturday's game
Second Leg
Colorado at Columbus, 4 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Seattle
(Los Angeles leads series 1-0)
Sunday's game
Second Leg
Seattle at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake vs. FC Dallas
(FC Dallas leads series 2-1)
Saturday's game
Second Leg
Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Declined their 2011 option on LHP Mark Hendrickson.
BOSTON RED SOX — Named Curt Young pitching coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with SS Omar Vizquel on a one-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS — Declined their 2011 option on SS Jhonny Peralta.
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Named Derek Lilliquist bullpen coach. Named Greg Hauck trainer and Barry Weinberg assistant trainer.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Exercised their 2011 option on 1B Adrian Gonzalez.

CAN-AM LEAGUE

SUSSEX SKYHAWKS — Released OF Vince Blue, INF Rene Ruiz and RHP Chris Nowlin.
WORCESTER TORNADOES — Claimed C Anthony Sosnoskie off waivers from Sussex.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DE James Ruffin to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released LB Jason Williams.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed C Eric Heitmann on injured reserve.

AFL

PITTSBURGH POWER — Signed QB Anthony Morelli, PK Paul Edinger, DE Neil Purvis, WR Mike Washington, DB Carlos Campbell, OL Michael Byrne, CB Kenny Lewis, DE Terrance Carter, C Steven Brazzle, DL Demetrius Taylor, OL Richi Anderson, OL Peter Fields, DL Callahan Bright, OL Sione Ohauafi and S Tyrrell Herbert.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Ben Smith and F Ryan Potulny to Rockford (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Loaned F Jon Sim to Bridgeport (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned F Jeff Tambellini to Manitoba (AHL).

LACROSSE

NLL

MINNESOTA SWARM — Agreed to terms with D Andrew Suitor, F Ryan Hurley, F John McClure and D Steve Waldeck on one-year contracts.

CFL

WEEK 19

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Montreal	17	12	5	0	517	445	24
x-Hamilton	17	9	8	0	460	427	18
x-Toronto	17	8	9	0	343	438	16
Winnipeg	17	4	13	0	432	450	8

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Calgary	17	12	5	0	591	427	24
x-Saskatchewan	17	9	8	0	466	465	18
Edmonton	17	7	10	0	359	514	14
B.C.	17	7	10	0	443	445	14

x — clinched playoff berth.
y — clinched division title.
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
B.C. at Hamilton, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Toronto at Montreal, 4 p.m.
End of CFL Regular Season

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	1	0	.857	205	154
N.Y. Jets	5	2	0	.714	159	110
Miami	4	3	0	.571	133	149
Buffalo	0	7	0	.000	131	211

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	193	142
Tennessee	5	3	0	.625	224	150
Houston	4	3	0	.571	170	197
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	165	226

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	149	129
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	147	102
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	118	142
Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	146	163

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	163	122
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	212	168
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	210	174
Denver	2	6	0	.250	154	223

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	175	153
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	172	157
Washington	4	4	0	.500	155	170
Dallas	1	6	0	.143	154	187

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	169	133
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	136	163
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	167	148
Carolina	1	6	0	.143	85	150

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	176	136
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	126	114
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	129	144
Detroit	2	5	0	.286	183	165

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	123	140
St. Louis	4	4	0	.500	140	141
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	133	198
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	137	178

WEEK EIGHT

Byes: N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland
Monday's result
Indianapolis 30 Houston 17

WEEK NINE

Byes: Denver, Jacksonville, San Francisco, St. Louis, Tennessee, Washington
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Chicago vs. Buffalo (at Toronto), 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 8
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

MLB

2010 POSTSEASON

WORLD SERIES

(All times Eastern)
Texas (AL) vs. San Francisco (NL)
(San Francisco wins series 4-1)
Monday's result
San Francisco 3 Texas 1

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

2010-San Francisco Giants (NL)
2009-N.Y. Yankees (AL)
2008-Philadelphia Phillies (NL)
2007-Boston Red Sox (AL)

WORLD SERIES MVPS

2010-Edgar Renteria, San Francisco (NL)
2009-Hideki Matsui, New York (AL)
2008-Cole Hamels, Philadelphia (NL)
2007-Mike Lowell, Boston (AL)

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Bigger in every way, the Countryman offers Mini lovers a sleek and spacious ride

▶ Even with the Mini Clubman, cargo space is at a premium, but the new 2011 Mini Countryman adds about 25 per cent.

The right formula for a Mini for the masses

▶ Countryman's 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine delivers 122 horsepower.

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A "big Mini" sounds as contradictory as "jumbo shrimp," but here it is.

The new Mini Cooper Countryman will be the first all-wheel-drive-optional four-door model to wear the automaker's winged crest when it arrives in early 2011.

It will also be the biggest.

Yet when compared to any other similar-sized sport utility vehicles on the market (say the Honda Element or upcoming Nissan Juke and Mitsubishi RVR), the Countryman will still be the smallest of this funky bunch.

Luckily, small doesn't mean crowded or cramped, which is how tall folks are made to feel when climbing aboard or extricating themselves from the basic Mini or even the extended-length Clubman.

▶ The familiar Mini layout nests the optional navigation screen in the centre of the giant speedometer.

The Countryman is about 15 centimetres taller than its siblings and is also 10 centimetres wider for added shoulder and elbow room.

The rear doors are generously proportioned, allowing easy access for two adults perched atop flat-folding bucket seats. A three-place rear bench will reportedly be a no-cost option.

Opening the big rear hatch accesses a decent-sized storage compartment. With the back seats folded, there's about 25 per cent more capacity than you'll find inside a Mini Clubman.

Both rows are divided by a full-length console that Mini refers to as a "Centre Rail."

Here, the cupholders, USB plug-in ports (for your portable music player) and arm rest slide fore and aft along aluminum tracks

Each back seat can be adjusted forward or back up to 13 centimetres, whether you need to max out passenger leg room or cargo space.

The control panel will be familiar to anyone who has been in a Mini, especially the large circular display pod in the middle of the dash that contains the speedometer, fuel gauge, audio controls and the optional navigation system.

The higher output John Cooper Works package that's optional on the Mini Cooper S and Mini Clubman S won't be available — at least initially —for the Countryman, but a Sport option with a lowered ride height (for improved handling) and unique wheels will be offered.

This type of variety is just what the Countryman needs to reach a wider audience than either the Cooper or Clubman.

With more size, room, seating and all-wheel-drive capability, it is, quite literally, a big step in a whole new direction to become a Mini for the masses.

Meet the Mini

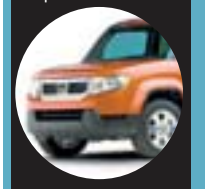
What you should know about the 2011 Mini Cooper Countryman...

- **Type:** Four-door, compact front- / all-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle
- **Engines (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (122); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (184)
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic.
- **Market Position:** Thrifty buyers looking for more modest and fuel-efficient sport utility vehicles will have a number of new models to choose from, including the ground-breaking Countryman.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.8 (1.6, MT, est.); Base price (incl. destination): $30,000 (est.)

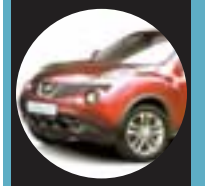
5 drive

By Comparison

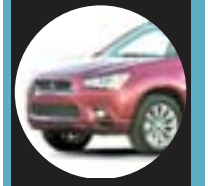
Honda Element
Base price: $28,600
The high-roof, four-passenger bread box could be a bit past its prime.



Nissan Juke
Nissan Juke
Base price: $21,400
Quirky styling inside and out, which should attract youthful buyers.



Mitsubishi RVR
Base price: $23,700
2011 fuel-sipping small ute looks handsome, arrives well-equipped.



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SOME WINNER DRIVES

Auto Pilot

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▶ The Cadillac CTS-V Coupe took home the top prize in the Best New Sports/Performance Car category

A total of 144 vehicles representing 48 specific nameplates participated last week in what has come to be known as AJAC TestFest.

Some went home with frayed tires, bug splats, and empty tanks. Others went home with all that — plus hardware proclaiming them as "class winners."

See the side bar for the full list of first-prize winners.

But if you're having a temporary bout of ADD right this minute, allow me to quickly summarize…

GM walked away with three wins — all in "car" classes (Chevrolet Cruze, Buick Regal, Cadillac CST-V), signaling it's definitely on track to wean itself from pickup truck and SUV dependency.

Ford had two wins. The Canadian-built Ford Edge, redesigned for 2011 with a nifty new infotainment interface, beat out the all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee (no slouch either).

Fiesta also won its class, but was in tough with Mazda2, with which it shares much engineering and chassis bits.

VW also won two classes: Touareg was proclaimed Best SUV Over $50K, while Jetta TDI drove away with Best Family Car under $30,000 honours, edging out another great new entry, the Hyundai Sonata.

Two iconic German nameplates, BMW 5 Series and Porsche 911 (in the heady Turbo S guise) upheld their reputations, with wins in Luxury Car and Prestige Car, respectively.

Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey had the Best New Minivan class to themselves this year. The Sienna prevailed.

Hyundai's dramatic redesign of Tucson won a squeaker over the equally all-new Kia Sportage, in the Best New SUV/CUV ($35K-$50K) class.

As you can tell by how many times we've already used the words "Best New," to be eligible for the competition vehicles have to be completely new or substantially redesigned from previous years.

The term "Test Fest" was quickly adopted as a way to short form the AJAC process, because the process is complicated. But it is also extremely thorough, and unbiased (voters culled from multiple media outlets).

AJAC, which is Canada's association of automotive journalists, takes over Niagara Regional Airport for a complete week every October.

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AJAC FIRST-PRIZE WINNERS

- **Best New Small Car (under $21K)**
  Ford Fiesta (score of 690)
- **Best New Small Car (over $21K)**
  Chevrolet Cruze (score of 695)
- **Best New Family Car (under $30K)**
  VW Jetta TDI Clean Diesel (score of 691)
- **Best New Family Car (over $30K)**
  Buick Regal (score of 652)
- **Best New Luxury Car (over $50K)**
  BMW 5 Series Sedan (score of 671)
- **Best New Prestige Car (over $75K)**
  Porsche 911 Turbo S (score of 647)
- **Best New Sports/Performance Car**
  Cadillac CTS-V Coupe (score of 643)
- **Best New Minivan**
  Toyota Sienna (score of 678)
- **Best New SUV/CUV (under $35K)**
  Hyundai Tucson (score of 653)
- **Best New SUV/CUV ($35K-$50K)**
  Ford Edge (score of 656)
- **Best New SUV/CUV (over $50K)**
  VW Touareg (score of 650)

On an even wheel

Nissan's torque vectoring system helps balance the base of your vehicle

DRIVING FORCE

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Despite its name, all-wheel-drive (AWD) is very seldom all four wheels driving the car equally.

In many cases, especially on lower-priced AWD vehicles, torque – the engine's power – is distributed between the front and rear axles.

A more sophisticated system can also further distribute it between individual wheels, as it does with Nissan's torque vectoring system. It's found on the all-new Juke crossover, where the company says it's the only car in its segment with such a feature.

"Not only does it split torque up to 50/50 between the front and rear wheels for additional traction, it can also split side-to-side across the rear axle, up to 50 percent on either side," says Rui Nunes, manager, chief marketing manager for Nissan Canada. "This results in improved vehicle stability, cornering and overall performance."

Front-wheel-drive vehicles power the front wheels only; the engine and transmission are not connected to the rear wheels, which are "pulled along" by the front ones. In an AWD vehicle, a shaft runs lengthwise under the car to the rear wheels to send power to them. The AWD Juke initially powers its front wheels only, until the driver hits a switch to engage the all-wheel system. From there, the vehicle's sensors constantly monitor it, determining if a rear wheel needs to be powered.

"The front wheels are always equally powered, left to right," Nunes says. "The rear can shift depending on environmental conditions, such as rain, snow, mud or gravel.

If you're cornering, it could send, say, 42 percent to one rear wheel and 8 percent to the other, because the one that needs more traction gets sent more torque.

If you didn't have the torque vectoring, it would only be able to split the torque between the front and rear, not from side to side as well."

The new Nissan system is also considerably lighter than most other AWD systems, which improves fuel efficiency and vehicle handling when compared to heavier ones.

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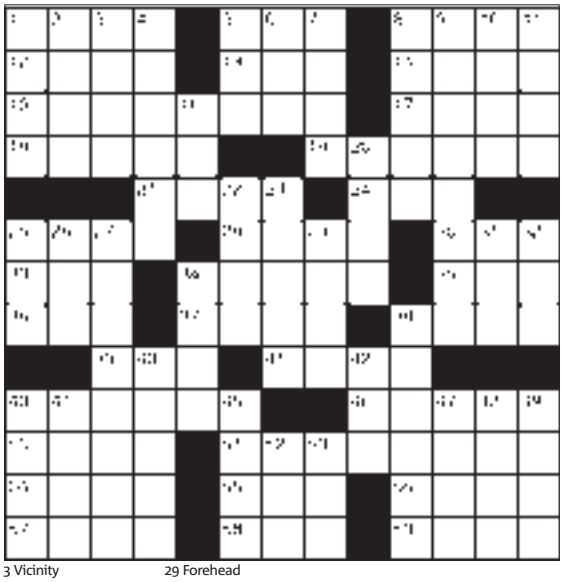

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1 Herring's cousin
5 Moonshine vessel
8 Despot
12 Swampy area
13 G8 member
14 Blue hue
15 Poisonous shrub with white flowers
17 Breather?
18 Air freshener brand
19 Swells up
21 Minus
24 Hostel
25 Classic TV star
28 Garage job, for short
30 N.J. neighbour
33 Comedian Philips
34 Sounds contented
35 Gabor or Peron
36 Cowboy's sweetie
37 Therefore
38 Make coffee
39 "Eureka!"
41 Basin accessory
43 Gov. Schwarzenegger
46 Mrs. Gorbachev
50 Arp's style
51 Gilligan, e.g.
54 Always
55 Has permission
56 Minimal change
57 Dweeb
58 Ram's ma'am
59 Dr. Seuss' "The 500 — of Bartholomew Cubbins"

Down

1 Urban blight
2 Jack and Jill's hurdle
3 Vicinity
4 Lethal
5 "Oklahoma!" baddie
6 Work with
7 Raiments
8 Claw
9 Waste
10 Family member
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20 Falsehoods
22 Utter unclearly
23 Power glitch
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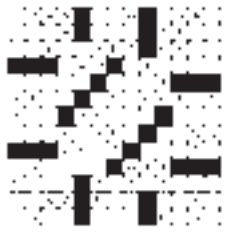
▶ Yesterday's answer



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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7	5	3	8	6	4	1	9	2

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My Big Eye Sexy Baby, You mean everything to me. I don't care what happened in the past and what's happening now. I'll wait for you for the rest of my life. I Love You. **YOUR BIG BEAR BEA**

Shout out to my babe on his big day! I love your tush in those tight grey pants and hope that it will be forever mine. Happy birthday!! Xxoo, **YOUR MONKEY**

My Sweet Danu, Good Morning Laddu! You mean the world to me. Missing you so much baby. Waiting to see you in 9 days. I'm so lucky to have you in my life. I love you so much! Ummah! **YOURS KIDDO**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You'll get all excited about something today, and that's good, but don't get carried away or you might lose your sense of perspective.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Scorpio is urging you to make a decision about a partnership matter. Once you have made it though it might be wise to wait a few days before letting others know about it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Keep a sense of perspective about work and health issues. Don't let them dominate your thoughts. If you start brooding about how you feel you will almost certainly make yourself feel even worse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you have fallen behind in your schedule and need to catch up this will be a busy day. If you are ahead in your work it will still be a busy day but you'll also be able to treat yourself to something nice.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Only get involved in someone else's personal problems if (a) you know they won't mind, and (b) you definitely have the solution to their woes. Otherwise steer well clear.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You like to be in control but not even a Virgo can see all possibilities, and what happens today will most likely take you by surprise. It will also take you on a journey of self-discovery.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you want something enough you can usually find a way to get it, but what you desire today has a hefty price tag attached, so the most important question is: can you afford it?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be desperate to start something new but the planets warn you should give it a bit more time before you begin. The new moon at the weekend will be your signal to begin.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Are you trying too hard to be original? Are you trying too hard to impress those around you? Don't worry what colleagues or rivals may think of you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be incredibly driven to succeed but have you ever asked yourself what it's all for? Maybe you should. Looking back years from now will you regret the good times you missed because you were working?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You are remarkably motivated at the moment and there is little doubt you will reach your goals. Others may say you have set your sights too high but this is just the start.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You have decided on a course of action. Now all you have to do is apply yourself. If you allow yourself the luxury of second thoughts your progress will be limited. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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